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SUBJECT: IMPENDING TRIAL OF ACCUSED TERRORISTS GROUP IN ZAGREB

REF: ZAGREB 1164. 12/30/74

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM A LOCAL ATTORNEY, WHO IS DEFENDING ONE OF 10 MEMBERS OF AN ALLEGED CROATIAN TERRORIST GROUP (REFTEL), THAT THE TRIAL WILL BEGIN DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 10-14 IN ZAGREB. HE SAID THAT THE ACCUSED ARE ALL FROM ZAGREB AND ARE YOUNG MEN IN THEIR EARLY 20'S, STUDENTS AND WORKERS, WHO OBTAINED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION IN GERMANY AND SMUGGLED SAME INTO YUGOSLAVIA.

2. THE ATTORNEY SEEMED TO TREAT THEIR CONVICTION AS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT THE COURT WOULD CONSIDER THE YOUTH OF THE DEFENDANTS AS MITIGATING AND BELIEVED THAT HARSH SENTENCES WOULD NOT RESULT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN NO REPORT OF THE INDICTMENT OF THIS GROUP (AS WOULD HAVE BEEN CUSTOMARY) IN THE LOCAL PRESS. THUS, AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY DO NOT YET BELIEVE THAT THE "RIGHT TIME" (SEE VRHOVEC'S REMARKS, REFTEL) TO INFORM THE PUBLIC HAS YET ARRIVED.

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